

## **COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES FEBRUARY 22, 2016**

President Robert Krummerich called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM with the following Councilors present: Vice President Scot Pitzer, Ms. Susan Naugle, Mr. Graham Weaver, Mr. Jacob Schindel, Ms. AmyBeth Hodges, and Mr. Wesley Heyser. Staff present included: Manager Charles Gable, Borough Secretary Sara Stull, Chief Joe Dougherty, Finance Director Nicolette James, Planning Director Scott Dellett, Public Works Director Dan Hilliard and Management Assistant Karen Mesher.

Others present include: Deb Adamik, President, Main Street Gettysburg; Annie Letendre, Main Street Gettysburg; Darlene Brown, Executive Director, PA Interfaith Community Programs, Inc. (PICPI), 40 East High Street; Robin Fitzpatrick, Adams County Industrial Development Authority (ACIDA), 1300 Proline Place; Jonathan Cox, Partner, Rhoads & Sinon, One South Market Square, Harrisburg, PA; Dave Sites, Prudential Homesale, 1270 Fairfield Road; Harry Hartman, Publisher, the *Gettysburg Times*; Mike Shestok, 264 Baltimore Street; Steve Hemler, 535 York Street; Stan Clark, 915 Fairview Avenue and Judi McGee, 256 Baltimore Street. Representing the press were Jim Hale of the *Gettysburg Times* and Lillian Reed of the *Evening Sun*.

### **Announcements**

An executive session of the Borough Council of the Borough of Gettysburg was conducted immediately prior to the adjournment of the February 8, 2016 Borough Council meeting consistent with section 708(a)(1) of the Sunshine Act.

An executive session of the Borough Council was conducted on Thursday, February 11, 2016 commencing at 7:00 PM consistent with section 708(a)(1) and section 708(a)(4) of the Sunshine Act for the following purposes: (1) to discuss matters involving the employment and the investigation, the review and the evaluation of performance of specific employees of the Gettysburg Borough Police Department relative to the May 12, 2015 arrest of Derek Twyman; and (2) to consult with the Mayor, the Borough Manager, the Borough's labor and employment law legal counsel and the Borough solicitor in connection with issues on which identifiable claims or complaints are expected to be filed against the Borough relative to the May 12, 2015 arrest.

An executive session of the Borough Council was conducted on Thursday, February 18, 2016 commencing at 7:00 PM consistent with section 708(a)(1) and section 708(a)(4) of the Sunshine Act for the following purposes: (1) to discuss matters involving the employment and the investigation, the review and the evaluation of performance of specific employees of the Gettysburg Borough Police Department relative to the May 12, 2015 arrest of Derek Twyman; and (2) to consult with the Mayor, the Borough Manager and the Borough solicitor in connection with issues on which identifiable claims or complaints are expected to be filed against the Borough relative to the May 12, 2015 arrest.

### **Public Comment:**

**Steve Hemler, 535 York Street**, asked if Manager Gable required Council members to sign a confidentiality agreement prior to reading a police investigation report. President Krummerich responded that it was a personnel issue, and as such, is not discussed in public.

**Stan Clark, 915 Fairview Avenue**, expressed his concerns regarding the conflict between the Council members, and the past and present managers. He said that the outside investigation regarding the police department costs the taxpayers money. Mr. Clark suggested that Council and the manager not jeopardize the police department.

**Harry Hartman, Publisher, the Gettysburg Times**, expressed his concerns regarding the Borough Manager asking Council members to sign an agreement before reading the police investigation report. He said that he asked his attorney to look into this matter.

### **Special Presentation:**

**Deb Adamik, President, Main Street Gettysburg**, gave a brief report on Main Street activities. She said that the PA Downtown Center promoted “Welcome Kits” to use as handouts to businesses and citizens. Mrs. Adamik noted that the Revitalization Projects enhance and make the town more desirable.

Mr. Pitzer said that filling store fronts should be a top priority. Mrs. Adamik said that it is a priority, and that interested parties should contact Main Street.

**Robin Fitzpatrick, Adams County Industrial Development Authority and Jonathan Cox, Partner, Rhoads & Sinon**, presented Council with information regarding the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act (LERTA); Transit Revitalization Investment District Act (TRID); and Tax Increment Financing Act (TIF) (See attached). Mrs. Fitzpatrick pointed out that any of these programs could be used for the development of the Stratton Street/REDDI property.

### **Old Business**

Mr. Gable explained that items previously handled by Council Committees will now be presented and discussed at the monthly Council Work Session.

- A. **Body Camera Policy (Project #2016-1)** – He said that the Adams County District Attorney requested that this item be placed on hold until further review.
- B. **South Franklin Street (RPP)(Project #2016-4)** – Karen Mesher gave a brief update regarding the property that is currently leased by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare (DPW) at 225 South Franklin Street. She said that Dave Sites, owner, requested relief from the Residential Permit Parking (RPP)

restrictions for eight employees (noting that eligible residents pay \$24 per year to park near their homes). She said that Mr. Sites wanted an agreement that would permit those employees to park for free in a nearby underutilized block.

Dave Sites gave a brief history of the Welfare Office building process that began in 1988. He said that a presentation was made before the Safety Committee, and that a proposal was presented in 2015 for his consideration. Mr. Sites said that he has not had any correspondence since then, but is still interested in an equitable and reasonable price to pay for parking.

Council recommended that he meet with Manager Gable and discuss the issue and finalize an agreement.

### **New Business**

- A. *Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)(Project 2016-23)*** – Nicolette James explained that issuing a bond to complete several major projects would save the Borough money. She presented the Council with a New Money Funding Study (See attached).
- B. *Liaison Appointments (Project 2016-30)*** – President Krummerich announced the following appointments: Susan Naugle, Adams County Transportation Planning Organization; Scot Pitzer, Adams County Council of Governments; Wesley Heyser, Gettysburg College; and Graham Weaver and Bob Krummerich, the Adams County Boroughs Association.
- C. *Wall Alley One-Way Proposal (Project 2016-31)*** – Dan Hilliard said that this would require a traffic study. A copy of the Borough Engineer’s Assessment is attached.

After some discussion regarding the cost for a traffic study, Council instructed Manager Gable to contact the Gettysburg Area School District to discuss possible help in funding this.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

President Krummerich adjourned the meeting to an executive session at 8:35 PM. The meeting reconvened and Council adjourned the meeting at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara L. Stull  
Borough Secretary